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Volume 25, Issue 2 March 2003	Board of Nursing Holds Quarterly Meetings	
<p>Board Meeting Dates</p> <p>May 8-9, 2003 Deadline: April 8th July 31-August 1, 2003 Deadline: July 1st November 13-14, 2003 Deadline: October 14th</p>  <p>Members, Board Of Nursing</p> <p>Charles Moseley, RNA, Coeur d' Alene – Chairman Dan Bauer, RN, Boise – Vice-Chair Claudeen Buettner, RN, Twin Falls Karen Ellis, RN, Pocatello Sheri Florence, Consumer, Boise Analyn Frasure, LPN, Pocatello Judy Hansen, LPN, Jerome Dianne Kinney, RN, Payette Shirley Meyer, RN, Meridian</p>  <p>www2.state.id.us/ibn/ibnhome.htm Voice: (208) 334-3110 Fax: (208) 334-3262</p>	<p>The Board of Nursing meets on a quarterly basis. The next meeting has been scheduled for May 8-9, 2003 and will be held at the Red Lion Suites, 424 East Park Center Boulevard, Boise, Idaho. If you are interested in attending this meeting and/or require special accommodations, please contact the Board office (208) 334-3110 ext. 25.</p>  <p>Items that you want to have considered by the Board should be submitted to the Board office by the deadline date indicated. Requests from persons wishing to meet with the Board must also be received by the deadline date. All meetings of the Board, except for executive sessions, are open to the public.</p>	<p>During each meeting, the Board holds an open forum for one hour. Individuals may express their concerns or make inquiries of the Board during this time period. No appointment is necessary to make a presentation during the forum; however, you should contact the Board office to confirm the time of the open forum and to make any arrangements for special assistance. Action will not be taken on any issues presented during the forum, but may be placed on the agenda for future meetings. If there are no presentations, the Board will proceed with conduct of regular business.</p>
	Pending Rule Changes	
	<p>The 2003 Legislature has reviewed and approved proposed changes to administrative rules that address the practice sections of existing rules; consolidate and renumber existing rules; provide clarification and structure to defined scopes of practice; delete detailed listings of nursing functions for each category of licensure, replacing them with a standard for decision-making within each respective scope of practice; clarify parameters for and responsibilities when delegating nursing functions to unlicensed assistive personnel. The rules will become effective upon adjournment of the 2003 Legislature. Copies of revised rules will be provided to licensees and facilities following printing or visit our website at www2.state.id.us/ibn/ibnhome.htm.</p>	
	Board of Nursing Staff Members	
	<p>Sandra Evans, MAEd, RN, Executive Director – Administration, Education, Licensure Vicky Goettsche, MBA, RN, Associate Director – Practice, Discipline Linda H Coley, Management Assistant – Office Management, Discipline, RNA Lisa Daniels, Licensure Clerk – Licensure by Endorsement/Reinstatement, CNM, CNS, NP Nancy Dayhoff, Secretary, Examination Clerk – Secretarial Support, Licensure by Examination Diane Mundlin, Financial Support Tech – Financial Records, Payroll Karri Gilley, Receptionist, Office Specialist – Customer Service, Nurse Apprentice, Education Mary Mundlin, Office Clerk – Renewals, Record Management</p>	

Significant Board Actions

At their November 7-8, 2002 meeting, the Board of Nursing members took the following actions:

- Granted approval for the course of instruction, "Clinical preceptorship for Outreach Facilities" offered by Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center, Idaho Falls
- Re-appointed Judy Metelko, RN, CNS, to another term on the Program for Recovering Nurses Advisory Committee.
- Approved the extension of graduate nurse temporary licenses commensurate with the extension of the authorization to test (ATT) during the transition to NCS Pearson for administration of the NCLEX-RN/PN.

At their February 13-14, 2003 meeting, the Board of Nursing members took the following actions:

- Adopted the Standards for Return to Nursing Practice and Standards for Worksite Monitors as recommended by the PRN Advisory Committee.
- Denied a request for waiver of the administrative fine issued for working without current licensure.
- Denied the request from an individual to teach an assistance with medication program independent of the program administered by the State Board for Professional-Technical Education.
- Adopted the policy that the Board continue recognition of certifying organizations for Advanced Practice Professional Nurse certification.
- Accepted the resignation of Art Phelps, CSW, PRN Advisory Committee Member



Disciplinary Action Taken by the Board

Board Meeting – November 2002

Ginny Steiner, PN	Issued an order of Revocation based on Voluntary Surrender	Christy Black, PN	Issued an Order of Default and an Order of Revocation of License
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Board Meeting – February 2003

Wendy Grant-Hardin, PN	Issued an Order of Revocation based on Voluntary Surrender	Dana Gill, RN	Issued an Order of Revocation based on Voluntary Surrender
Jolene Gronholz, RN	Issued an Order of Revocation based on Voluntary Surrender	Marlene Hulse, RN	Issued a limited license with conditions for three (3) years
Sandy Forester, RN	Affirmed the Notice of Denial of Application for Reinstatement	Wendy Acosta, PN	Affirmed the Order of Withdrawal of Limited License and issued an Order of Denial of Reinstatement

A Word of Caution

There are many for-profit publishers and consultants who claim they can assist you in earning an Excelsior College degree. They sometimes allege that their materials or services will provide you with a special advantage in completing degree requirements. Despite such representations the materials and services offered by these organizations usually do not provide any special advantage. Many of these organizations will charge you hundreds, even thousands of dollars for the same services you can receive directly from Excelsior College, services that are included in the fees you pay as an enrolled student.

Excelsior College does have an authorized network of affiliated organizations offering assistance and support to their students. The

network includes their own Graduate Resource Network and the staffs of their nursing program Regional Performance Assessment Centers located throughout the United States. They also have authorized affiliates located outside the United States.

If you are approached by or are considering using a non-Excelsior College organization to help you earn your degree, be sure to ask if it is an authorized representative of Excelsior College. Call Excelsior (518/464-8500) to verify the organization's status. If it is unauthorized, you cannot be assured that its services reflect the quality and accuracy of services available directly from Excelsior.

Licensed Professional (RN) Nurse Renewal Information

The renewal period for licensed professional (RN) nurses will begin May 15th and end August 31, 2003. Any currently licensed nurse who does not receive a renewal notice by **July 15th** should contact the Board office (208/334-3110 ext 21 or 23) for a duplicate renewal notice.

Renewal notices are sent by First Class Mail to the last known address on record; however, the Board cannot guarantee delivery. Each nurse must assume responsibility for renewing the license by the date specified. A white post-card verifying receipt of the renewal is issued to every licensee who attaches postage and returns it with the completed renewal form.

Licensees who do not receive their license within ninety (90) days from the posted receipt date should apply for a duplicate license. *Requests for duplicates that are received within the ninety (90) day time period are not charged the \$10.00 duplicate fee.*

It is the licensee's personal responsibility (and a requirement of Rule 008., 01-03) to keep the Board informed of all name and address changes. Should a licensee fail to make timely renewal of his/her license, a late fee will be assessed. Additionally, licensees who continue to practice nursing without current licensure may be assessed an administrative fine, up to \$1,000.

No record or receipt of a renewal application will be made until the application is correctly submitted, including all required information, signature and fee. If a licensee sends in a renewal application the last week of August and fails to sign the form or does not submit the appropriate name change information, the Board has no option but to return the form for correction. Because it may then be received after the expiration date, the licensee will be assessed the late fee, although the form may have originally been submitted on time. Only completed forms will be accepted. *The Board cannot accept or send FAXED renewal applications. Renewal applications can be sent by Federal Express if the licensee provides a credit card number to pay for the mailing.*



But Wait.....

On-line renewal is coming. With the renewal application being mailed May 15, 2003, there will be included information that explains how to renew your license on-line using a credit card to pay the renewal fee. There will also be a convenience fee charged by the credit card company and Access Idaho for using this system. (Access Idaho is the company that developed and maintains the on-line system.) However, if you are one of those who wait until the last minute to renew your license, this system is for you. Since your credit card will be verified before you can progress through the system, receipt of your licensure certificate will be faster than mailing in your printed form. Didn't receive an application? After May 15th, go to the Board of Nursing's Web Site www2.state.id.us/ibn/ibnhome.htm and link to the RN renewal application. Sorry, but only RN applications are available at this time. LPN on-line renewal will follow in time for the 2004 LPN renewal period. If you have questions about this process, please contact the Board office.

Congratulations Are In Order



A special thanks goes to Dorothy Bailey, RN, Sandpoint, for her participation as an NCLEX-PN Examination Master Pool Reviewer and Julie Hunsaker, RN, Rupert, for serving as an alternate panel member for the NCLEX-PN Item Reviewers for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing in February 2003.

Ms. Bailey's and Ms. Hunsaker's time and effort as volunteers are valued greatly by both the National Council and the Idaho Board of Nursing. The quality of the examination depends on the commitment of individuals like Ms. Bailey and Ms. Hunsaker.

Are you interested in serving on a committee of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing? Nurses from all geographic regions are needed to serve as Item Writers, Reviewers and the Panel of Judges. Information about these committees is available from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing at: 312/525-3600.

Duplicate Licenses Issued

The following persons have been issued duplicate licensure certificates during the period September 5, 2002 through March 17, 2003. These licensure certificates have been reported as lost, stolen, never received in the mail, or issued because of a name change. Duplicate certificates are identical to the original certificate with the exception of the word DUPLICATE typed above the name. Any person presenting one of the following certificates without the word DUPLICATE indicated should be considered suspect, and the Board of Nursing should be notified.

Licensed Professional Nurses (RN)

Licenses Expire 8/31/03

Renay E. Vickers	N-10171
M. Jane Brady	N-16336
Douglas Radford	N-20955
Dorothy Anne Devereaux	N-22461
Lori W. Burton	N-27520
Tammy Bieroth	N-25418
Gail Sternkopf-Heckenbach	N-29127
Lorrie Karutz	N-26713
Mary G. Wilson	N-10048
Wendy Ray	N-28702
Vicki Olson	N-24270
Sandra Bartschi	N-23620
Craig Nurice Goodsell	N-23060
Cherylee Wright	N-22793
Janet Sue Uren	N-10539
Tim Adkison	N-27957
Rita J. Miller	N-18267
Virgina Goeckner	N-8421
Linda Pierson	N-22543
MaryAnn Bartolo Davis	N-31086
Lonni Hendrickson	N-30733
Marla K. Cheezem	N-24438
Nancy Vanek	N-11700
Esther J. Cuddy	N-17500
Nancy Baerlocher	N-27545
Shelley H. Miller	N-14515
M. Scarlett Wise	N-25366
Judith E. Saunders	N-24635
Karen Daniel	N-28260
Diana Obenauer	N-7684
Sheri Chapel	N-29240
Meredith Hotchkiss	N-31073
Belinda Jacobsen	N-31647
Valerie A. Jones	N-21450
C. Lynn Barnhill	N-30014
Gaylah Spackman	N-17863
Dorothy J. Dill	N-22523
Douglas Price Mizell	N-26559
Debbie S. Page	N-26160
Maryann Nogle	N-7551
Alyce De Rouchie	N-27197
Celeste Sorensen	N-24229
Rebecca P. Childs	N-28588
Karla Allen	N-6039
Julee Dana	N-31230

Diane B. Tippets	N-13895
Janice Britren	N-8756
Robert Moore	N-27603
Shirley Bame	N-11349
Paige Chatterton	N-19231
Tiffany L. Twait	N-23981
Sarah Leeds	N-12688
Raini Yost	N-31288

Advanced Practice Professional Nurse

Licenses Expire 8/31/2003

Gail Sternkopf Heckenbach	CNM-19A
Diana J. Wambaugh-Gains	NP-370A

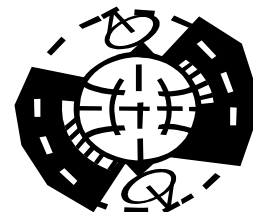
Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN)

Licenses Expired 8/31/2004

Dionne G. Payne	PN-12362
Sherri L. Sokas	PN-7578
Victoria J. Stimac	PN-6876
Thelma Keffer Hicks	PN-5343
Linda Ostler	PN-8499
F. Ardelle Mellstrom	PN-4601
Shannon Vail	PN-11428
Kimberly Lynn Middlemas	PN-11029
Mary Roemer	PN 9809
Trudy Carlson	PN-9318
Aundrea S. Benedict	PN-11126
Norma A. Paynter	PN-6412
Rhonda Whelan	PN-11708
Jody Ashcroft	PN-10790
Belinda Webb	PN-4534
Gretchen Firth	PN-9671
Patricia Huddleston	PN-11259
Natalie Mae Williams	PN-12440
Marianne Summers	PN-5400
Johan Stovall	PN-12237
Elizabeth Moore	PN-12031
Susana Swain	PN-11116
Debra Waters	PN-10246
Kaira Beach	PN-10125
Anne H. Matthews	PN-7413
Jacquie Wickward	PN-10370
Mendi Ponton	PN-11435
Stacie Hardin	PN-12114
Thelma L. Schloemann	PN-5343
Lynnette M. Stoyell	PN-12095
Kristen (Kris) McCabe	PN-11930

The Far Reaching Impact of Disciplinary Action Against a Nursing License

When the Idaho Board of Nursing takes formal action against a nursing license, including formal reprimand, suspension, or revocation, the consequences may not only impact the nurse's privilege to practice in Idaho; it may also impact the employment settings in which the nurse will be allowed to practice. Formal disciplinary action is reported to state and federal data banks, as well as to the public and other state Boards of Nursing. Some examples of reporting and the consequences include:



- The Board's Interactive Voice Response System (IVR) – provides information if the license is current and in good standing. If the license is not, the caller is referred to a Board staff member for further information. Information that may be released will include: formal Board action, current status of the license, and expiration date.
- Board of Nursing Newsletter, *News from Idaho* – The Board of Nursing Newsletter, published twice a year, is mailed to primary employers of nurses, health care organizations and nursing education programs. The *News from Idaho* is also accessible on the Board's Web site. It provides updated practice and licensure information and includes the names of nurses against whom the Board has taken action, including, formal reprimands, suspensions, revocations, and denials
- NURSUS – The term "Nursus" is a combination of "Nurse" and "System". Nursus is a national comprehensive electronic information system that includes the collection and warehousing of nurse licensing information and disciplinary actions. Boards of Nursing that participate in this system enter nurse licensing information and disciplinary actions that is accessible by all Boards of Nursing. The Idaho Board of Nursing is a participating Board.
- The Idaho Board of Nursing is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact. The Compact allows member states to grant the privilege to practice nursing to nurses who are licensed in good standing and reside in other member states. If a license is disciplined by the home state or if the privilege to practice is disciplined by a remote state, that action is reported to all Compact members, who in turn, may discipline the privilege to practice in each respective Compact state.
- Office of Inspector General. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regularly requests reports of formal Board action against a license and, following their review, may issue sanctions barring a nurse from being employed in any facility that receives Federal reimbursement, Medicare and/or Medicaid.
- Reporting to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) of adverse licensure actions against health care providers or practitioners.
- Individual request. Any individual may request in writing, to receive a copy of formal disciplinary action against a nurse's license.

Disciplinary action against your Idaho nursing license may also result in:

- Action against a license held in another state based on the formal disciplinary action in Idaho.
- Barring from facilities that receive Medicaid/Medicare funds, this may affect qualifying for federal loans.
- Denial of licensure in another state based on action in Idaho.



What can a Nurse Apprentice do?

Board of Nursing rules establish an exception to the mandatory licensure law for nurses to include "currently enrolled nursing students who are employed for remuneration in a non-licensed capacity by a Board-approved health care agency". Nurse apprentices may, under licensed professional nurse (RN) supervision, perform only those functions approved by the Board for unlicensed assistive personnel (e.g. nursing assistants). Nurse apprentices may not be delegated all functions which the student has learned in the course of the RN or LPN nursing education program, specifically medication administration, sterile techniques and IV therapy among others. Employers and supervising nurses are cautioned against expanding the practice of the Nurse Apprentice beyond that defined by law, as this could result in formal disciplinary action on the part of the Board.

Licenses Canceled

The following licenses were canceled for failure to pay the licensure fee (checks were returned by the bank):

<i>Name</i>	<i>License Number</i>	<i>Date Canceled</i>
Virginia Bergeson	PN-9323	October 29, 2002
Janet Colwell	N-31607	November 13, 2002

Please notify the Board office if either of these individuals applies for employment in your facility and present current licensure certificates.

Public Access to Nursys™

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. has announced the availability of public access to Nursys™ to assist with nurse licensure verifications. Nursys™ is a national licensure repository consisting of licensure and discipline data from 22 boards of nursing. Public access to Nursys™ is limited to licensure verification information for registered and practical/vocational nurses.

The *Nursys™ Licensure QuickConfirm* system provides online nurse licensure verifications to employers and others. The reports provide data on licensure, discipline and status of privilege to practice in states within the Nurse Licensure Compact.

Proof of licensure is available for all nurses within participating compact jurisdictions. Nursys™ is the only national verification source that reports practice privilege restrictions for nurses within compact jurisdictions. The fee to verify an unlimited number of licensees from compact states is \$5 per nurse.

Additional information on the public access to Nursys™ can be found at www.nursys.com or via e-mail at nursysinfo@ncsbn.org.



On-Line Nursing Practice Act Course

Unsure about your knowledge of the Nursing Practice Act? Now you can update your knowledge and earn continuing education credits at the same time. The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), in conjunction with the Idaho Board of Nursing has developed an on-line course which allows you to learn about the laws and regulations that govern nursing practice and schools of nursing. The following Boards are participating in this course:

Idaho	Iowa	Massachusetts	Minnesota	Missouri
Nevada	New Mexico	North Carolina	North Dakota	Ohio
West Virginia				

Following these easy steps to participate (must have a credit card and valid e-mail address):

- Go to www.learnngext.com
- Click on the "new user click here" link
- Complete the registration form
- In the "registrar" section, select the course
- Complete payment information with a credit card – this course costs \$10.00
- Enter the course upon successful payment
- Complete the course and pass the final test within the access length to receive CE credit



Check your Employee's Licensure Status



The Board of Nursing encourages the use of the Interactive Voice Response System (IVR) by employers to check for current licensure of employees. To access the IVR, which is available 24/7, call the main office number (208) 334-3110 and select the RN/LPN Licensure Information System (Menu Item 2).

The numerical portion of the license number is required to make an inquiry. If necessary, an operator can be accessed by following the instructions (Mon-Fri/ 8:00-5:00 MST). Please note that the IVR CANNOT verify temporary licenses, limited or restricted licenses, or licenses for APPNs (CNM, CNS, NP or RNA).

IDACARE

What is it?

IdaCare resulted from legislation to provide patients with easily accessible profile information on specified licensed or registered health care professionals. By creating a database of individual profiles that the public may access, patients will be able to make more informed decisions about whom they wish to engage when in need of health care services.



What is included in this database?

The database profiles include educational background and work history, disclosure of any final board disciplinary actions, criminal convictions, malpractice history, and other pertinent information as required by Idaho law. Each profile submitted by the provider must include a statement, signed under oath, attesting to the correctness and completeness of the information contained in the profile.

So, What's New?

The current web site has been moved to the Department of Administration's Internet Web Server. This will allow individual providers to access their profile (via a password) and make any necessary changes or updates. Idaho Code 54-4603 requires that advanced practice professional nurses update their profiles on an annual basis. This can now be done by accessing the IdaCare Web Site at: www.idacare.org/update/userentry.cfm. For questions, APPNs should contact the Board office at (208) 334-3110 ext. 21.

Address Changes

Board of Nursing Rules, IDAPA 23.01.01.008.01 and 02, require that whenever a change of name or address occurs, the Board must be immediately notified of the change. There are a variety of ways to notify the Board of address changes: mail to PO Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0061; fax to (208) 334-3262, telephone message at (208) 334-3110 (menu option 2-2), or e-mail to lcoley@ibn.state.id.us. For your convenience, you may use the following form:

Name:				
New Address:				
City:		State:		Zip Code:
License Number	RN:	LPN:	APPN:	
I declare my primary state of residence to be:				
Signature:				
Date:	Newsletter Subscriber? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

Name changes may be made by submitting a copy of the marriage license, divorce decree or other legal document. An Affidavit for Change of Name is also available from this office. You must make an official change with the Board office before signing your new name on medical records.

Subscriptions Available

The Board of Nursing's newsletter, *News from Idaho*, is sent to all major employers in Idaho at no charge. These facilities are encouraged to duplicate the newsletter and distribute to employees. If you would like to receive your own copy of the *News from Idaho*, published in March and September, complete the Subscription Request Form below and return to the Board office with the \$2.00 fee (plus 10 cents tax). A five-year subscription is available for \$8.50 (plus 43 cents tax). If you report an address change to the board, please indicate that you also maintain a subscription to the newsletter so that both databases can be updated.

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